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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF CANADIAN PROVINCES IN DEMONSTRATION
OF INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION SYSTEM (IRIS)

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1. WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL (BARRY GARDINER, ECONOMIST, MOTOR CARRIER BRANCH, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT) DEALING WITH IRIS PROPOSAL TOLD TCO INFORMALLY JANUARY 25 THAT MOT NOT YET READY TO GIVE US FIRM ANSWER TO QUESTION WHETHER FHWA MIGHT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PROVINCES. ISSUE HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE INTRADEPARTMENTAL AND INTERAGENCY DISCUSSION IN LAST TWO WEEKS. THIS APPEARS TO BE MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF (1) AN EXTAFF VIEW THAT A BASIC UNDERSTANDING RE POSSIBLE PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE AGREED BETWEEN EMBASSY AND EXTAFF; AND (2) THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN MONITORING ANY ACTUAL PROVINCIAL PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE WE GET ANY DEFINITIVE ANSWER FROM ANY GOC SOURCE RE THE BASIC APPROACH.

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2. TCO HAS PASSED COPIES OF IRP TEXT, IRIS PAMPHLET, AND DRAFT PROSPECTUS FOR STATES AND PROVINCES TO MOT. NO MATERIAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED RE IOWA TRUCK PERMIT CENTER OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN PROSPECTUS. OUR READING OF LATTER DOCUMENT SUGGESTS AT LEAST ONE QUESTION. STATE 313907 AND 310389 SUGGESTED THAT PROVINCES WERE TO BE INVITED SIMPLY TO APPLY

TO PARTICIPATE IN IRIS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. HOWEVER,
PARAGRAPH ENTITLED "SCOPE" ON PAGE 5 OF PROSPECTUS SUGGESTS
NON-MEMBERS OF IRP ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE IRIS PROJECT BUT
ONLY FOR THE PERMIT DEMONSTRATION. ONLY ALBERTA IS A MEMBER
OF IRP, AS FHWA IS AWARE. DOES THIS SUGGEST OTHER CANADIAN
PROVINCES ARE TO BE INVITED ONLY FOR PERMIT CENTER DEMONSTRATION
OR DOES FHWA ALSO INTEND TO INVITE THEM TO JOIN IRP ITSELF?
PLEASE CLARIFY.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS NOT SURPRISED BY SUGGESTIONS THAT
EXTAFF MAY WISH SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT AND THAT MOT MAY WISH TO
MONITOR ACTUAL PARTICIPATION. BOTH APPROACHES ARE CONSISTENT
WITH CANADIAN SENSITIVITIES ABOUT PROVINCIAL JURISDICTIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEALINGS BY PROVINCES. WE SUSPECT THAT IT MAY
EVENTUALLY BE NECESSARY TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN CANADIAN
AND US OFFICIALS TO SORT MATTERS OUT IN SOME DETAIL PRIOR TO
ANY INVITATIONS BEING EXTENDED BY FHWA TO THE PROVINCES.
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